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# Agenda

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other name!

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# Security Assistance

## Definition:

- Provide Economic and Military Assistance to Allied and Friendly Governments
- Supports U.S. Foreign Policy/National Security Objectives

## Governing Legislation:

- Foreign Assistance Act (FAA) of 1961
- Arms Export Control Act (AECA) of 1976







# Principal Objectives

1. Identify, develop and advocate programs that strengthen America's alliance and partnerships.
2. Strengthen defense relationships which promote U.S. access and influence.
3. Promote interoperability with allies and friendly nations while protecting sensitive technologies and information.

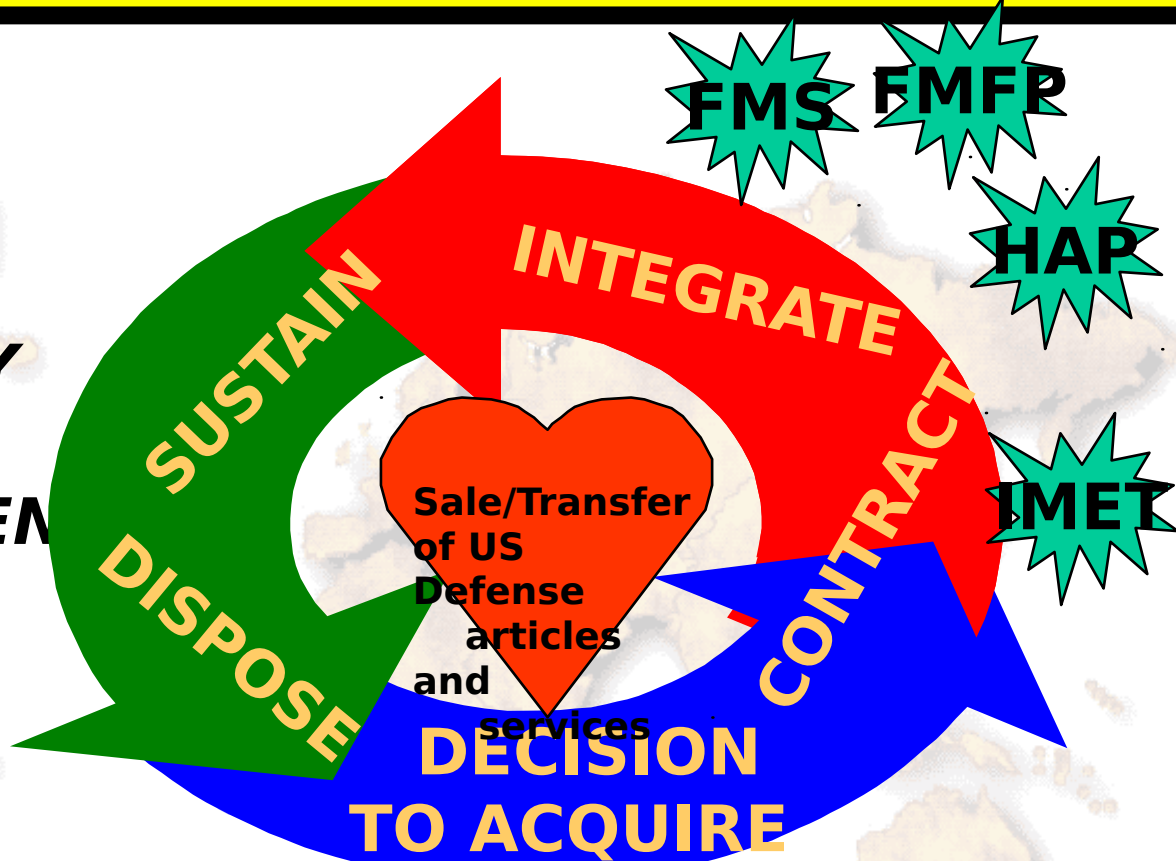




# Heart of Security Assistance

**SAO, AS THE KEY  
IN-COUNTRY  
LIAISON BETWEEN  
DOD AND HN  
MILITARY,  
STRIVES TO:**

- ADVISE HN ON EQUIPMENT/TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
- ENSURE HN CAN EMPLOY AND MAINTAIN US ITEMS
- KEEP HN INFORMED OF U.S. SA LAWS, ETC
- PERFORM IN-COUNTRY MANAGEMENT OF FMS, IMET, OTHER PROGRAMS
- MONITOR END USE/DISPOSITION OF US ITEMS





# Programs and projects to occupy your time

- ✓ International Military Education and Training (IMET)
- ✓ Foreign Military Financing Program (FMFP)
- ✓ Foreign Military Sales (FMS)
- ✓ Coordination of Joint Military exercises, conferences, and exercise-related construction projects
- ✓ Humanitarian Assistance Projects (HAP)
- ✓ Transfer of Excess Defense Articles
- ✓ Counter drug programs (I.e. South America)
- ✓ HIV/AIDS projects and seminars
- ✓ VIP visits
- ✓ International Agreements (SOFA, Article 98, ACSA)
- ✓ Disaster Relief Operations and Exercises (I.e. Atlas Response-Mozambique 2000)
- ✓ Peace Support Operations (I.e. Operation Focus Relief, ACOTA, EIPC)





# The good...

## The good:

- Great variety of duties and responsibilities
- Excellent opportunity to stay green and expand strategic vision
- Joint Position: learn about our fellow services
- Excellent access to Host Nation Military; builds strong rapport and strengthens US influence
- Good QOL
- Meet a variety of folks from academia, other US agencies, NGOs, Host Nation government, etc
- Be your own boss (independence and flexibility)
- Sometimes co-located on HN military compound







# ... And the “Not so good”

## The “Not so good”:

- Sometimes co-located on HN military compound
- Occasional rifts between DoS & DoD put you in the middle
- Political differences or US Foreign Policy can affect relationship with HN military
- Personality or ego clashes with Defense Attaché can lead to problems
- Shortage of personnel: number of offices opening but manpower staying the same (zero sum game)





# CONCLUSIONS

- State Department supervised, DoD administered, Combatant Commander C2
- Primary responsibility is the sale, lease, grant and loan of defense articles and services (including training)
- Duties and resources vary widely/ are governed by our relationship with the host nation
- Liaison functions are significant
- Important element of U.S. Foreign Policy
- **Just like the other FAO positions, this one is critically important to advancing US interests overseas!**

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# QUESTIONS

